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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Members,

Whew! This coming NCNA Coin Show and Exposition is getting scary. When you stop to add up all the things that will be taking place, one wonders if we had not ought to move it all to Candlestick Park!

The awesome array of events commence with the increase in number of Bourse Dealers-believe at one hundred-fifty tables strong it will probably be the largest group of coin dealers ever under one roof in San Francisco--yes, wall-to-wall coin dealers. Then the international gathering of numismatic Presidents, the heads of most of the national numismatic periodicals, Forum with 'headliner' speakers, Youth Program, an Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening, and even Whitman Products and others, they will all be literally hanging from the walls. Yes, hanging from the walls. So much will be going on and on display, space being such a premium, NCNA has promised just some space to stand! Displays? Oh yes, our Exhibit Coordinator Elmer Benson is arranging for super Exhibits.

Now comes the Auction, as if we were not already swamped. Ron and Dennis Gillio will be on had with their Pacific Coast Auction Galleries and its Fifth NCNA Auction. This alone could and would be enough of an attraction; understand the material is out of this world.

I am tired just thinking about it, and we are so happy that we have the capable hand of Michael S. Turrini making numerous arrangements. He is moving so fast you cannot even see him.

You will all have to come to this FREE event just to see if it all really happens.

Anxiously awaiting the 'big shoe'.

Yours Very Truly,

Denis N. Hooker President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

I feel compelled to write this editorial and speak to those in northern California who in reading will feel equally compelled to add their voices to a united chorus.

As many NCNA Heads and Tales readers know, the beloved and respected Ozzie Stout suffered a terrible disabling stroke last October. This stroke has ravaged Ozzie and struck him from active contribution to numismatics in northern California and particularly his dedicated support to the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Napa Valley Coin Club, Redwood Empire Coin Club, and Vallejo Numismatic Society, as well as other groups and coin clubs.

What is not well known to many <u>NCNA Heads and Tales</u> readers is that for over three decades, Ozzie, before retiring and relocating to northern California, was an active member of our neighbors to the South in southern California numismatic circles.

Now as the twilight comes, it is time to call upon coin hobbyists to reward, to honor, and to recognize this man for his loyalty and contributions to our hobby.

A feeling, based on my reverence of my dear friend, directs me to call upon coin hobbyists and coin clubs throughout northern California to unite, to act, and to petition Krause Publications to bestow the coveted 'Numismatic Ambassador' award upon James Osmyn 'Ozzie' Stout.

Few in our region deserve this honor as much as Ozzie does. His love and his work for numismatics are evidence enough, but far more important is that numismatics in our region has suffered a tragic loss, a void not easily filled. Gone is the moderation, love, and example displayed by Ozzie.

It is fitting and proper for people to honor those who have given their full measure. It is in the nature of men and women to pause at times and to reward those who have given of themselves. It is right and just to bestow honors, especially upon those who justly deserve them.

To this end, coin hobbyists and coin clubs petition Krause Publications and do so now.

The twilight has come. It is time to pause and to remember. It is time to reflect. It is the time to say most properly 'thank you, our dear friend, Ozzie'.

Michael S. Turrini

Numismatically Yours,

Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1986 Election

About late August or early September, ballots for the 1986 Officer Election will be mailed. Needless to say, all NCNA Members are encouraged to vote.

1986 National Coin Week Enticement Program

Last April had twelve or thirteen local northern California coin clubs participating; however, your Editor does not have a list of those coin clubs actually submitting Final Reports. NCNA Treasurer Ed Sins has made, though, all \$100.00 cash grants.

It is not known at this time if NCNA will repeat in 1987 this Enticement Program, as the same or altered. Suggestions from coin clubs are welcomed. Please sent to your Editor.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next quarterly and final Meeting before the September Coin Show and Exposition will be on August 24, 1986, 1:30pm, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco.

This will be an important meeting as the Board of Directors has much to discuss and finalize with the Coin Show and Exposition so close. As always is true, all NCNA Club Members are warmly encouraged and invited to send a voting Club Delegate.

1986 Coin Show and Exposition

Is set for this September 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1986 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, formerly Jack Tar Hotel, in San Francisco with a full four days of one hundred-fifty table Bourse, Auction, exhibits, United States Mint booth, Educational Forum speakers, Youth Program, drawings, commerical displays, and the special 'Numismatics Into 21st Century' forum.

Enclosed with this Issue is a Numismatic Fact Sheet provided details on this year's Coin Show and Exposition. NCNA Heads and Tales readers are encouraged to review this Sheet, noting the activities and program of this multi-event Coin Show and Exposition.

Also enclosed is an Announcement Card of Dennis and Ron Gillio's Fifth NCNA Auction, through their firm of Pacific Coast Auction Galleries. The Auction is in two sessions: Thursday and Friday evenings starting at 7:00pm sharp. As the card notes, catalogs are available. Contact at address given.

In addition, to encourage and reach the maximum participation, an Exhibit Application is also sent with this Issue. As usual, NCNA is noted for the quality of its awards, and exhibiting is open to all.

The Bourse, as reported previously, has been enlarged to one hundred-fifty tables. With this increase, NCNA can be better able to attract a quality mixture of local, national, and international Bourse coin dealers. As of this Issue, only a few tables remain. Potential coin dealers are invited to contact:

Denis H. Hooker NCNA Bourse Coordinator 65 Post Street San Jose, California 95113 408-295-1488

Along with the Auction, exhibits, and expanded Bourse, a drawing will also be held. Prizes are: First, a \$20.00 Double Eagle, Second, a \$10.00 Eagle, and twelve Thirds, 2½ Pesos, a total of fourteen coins! Drawing Tickets will be available at the Coin Show and Exposition and through several NCNA members at various coin clubs. Interested in obtaining Tickets to buy or sell contact:

Ron Miller NCNA Drawing Coordinator 3769 Peralta Blvd. Fremont, California 94536 415-792-1511

The major attraction for this 1986 Coin Show and Exposition will be the national numismatic figures attending and participating at the various events scheduled. Such an assemblage does not happen that often:

Presidents

Florence M. Schook, American Numismatic Association
Harry W. Fowler, American Numismatic Society
Anna M. Cross de Torres, Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico
Stanley Clute, Canadian Numismatic Association
O. L. Wallis, California State Numismatic Association
Lorna R. LeBold, Numismatic Association of Southern California
Denis N. Hooker, Northern California Numismatic Association

Speakers

David W. Lange, Educational Forum
Anthony Swiatek, 'Mr. Commen', Educational Forum
Bill Fivaz, ANA Governor, Educational Forum
Calvin O. Wilson, Educational Forum
Clifford Mishler, Krause Publications, MC for Banquet
Beth Deisher, Coin World Editor, Moderator

Tentative

N. Neil Harris, <u>The Numismatist</u> Editor Donna Pope, Director of United States Mint The Honorable James A. Baker III, Secretary of The Treasury

As can be read, there will be certainly a gathering of numismatic figures, all of whom will be available to meet and mingle with coin hobbyists.

NCNAers involved in the 1986 Coin Show and Exposition are: Denis Hooker, Bourse; Constance Perham, Security and Banquet; Edward Sins, Exhibit Awards and History; Stan Turrini, Pubicity and Educational Forum; Elmer Benson, Exhibits; Ron Miller, Drawing, and Lillian Hooker, Registration.

What is reported here and with the enclosed information is everything known and confirmed to date. NCNA Heads and Tales readers and their families and friends are welcomed to review this information and are warmly invited to attend and enjoy the outstanding 1986 25th Annual Silver Jubilee Northern California Numismatic Association Coin Show and Exposition.

One final note, the quality of this Coin Show and Exposition may make it a major numismatic event of this year. Coin hobbyists everywhere may regret not attending, so mark your calendars today.

Numismatics Into 21st Century

The previously listed Presidents plus other nationally known numismatic notables will be involved in an open round-table discussion with audience input on the future trends and concerns in numismatics over the next two decades going into the next century. This special forum will be moderated by Beth Deisher and may include N. Neil Harris, Clifford Mishler, and Donna Pope.

This event will be September 27th, Saturday, at 1:30pm, and is open all coin hobbyists and the public.

Coin hobbyists from throughout our state are invited to attend this special event which should give provocative insight and ideas as to the probable future of numismatics.

The 'Numismatics Into 21st Century' forum should be the highlight of the 1986 Coin Show and Exposition.

Anniversary Banquet

The main celebration of NCNA's Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary will be the Anniversary Banquet on September 27th, Saturday evening, No Host Hour 7:00pm and Dinner at 8:30pm. Reservation Form with dinner

choices is enclosed. Please note the deadline date of September 18th.

The Anniversary Banquet is intended to be a simple, not elaborate, affair with a minimum given to speeches and maximum to time to meet and mingle and enjoy an evening with the invited guests, NCNA officers, and national numismatic notables.

The cost may seem high; however, it averages only to one dollar for each year of NCNA. The cost should not prevent NCNA Members and former Members and friends of NCNA attending and contributing to this event, the celebration of NCNA's Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary.

LAST STRIKINGS: In Memoriam

Victor Titoff

Victor Titoff, whose life and times span our globe from Imperial Russia to the modern United States, passed away last May 9th.

Victor was well-known for his ready exhibiting at coin shows throughout our state, and his collections, whether Russian, Chinese, or American, accented gold.

Your Editor remembered once attending a PCNS Meeting at which Victor was displaying as his Show 'n Tell gold bars; it was just fascinating to view and handle so much gold.

Your Editor's regret is that he never got to know Victor better, no matter how hard is deep Russian accent was, for his life was the stuff of history, and gone is another great coin hobbyist.

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Silver Round Collectors

State Silver Round Organization

If you are interested in or are an active collector of silver rounds, there is talk of forming a state-wide association dedicated to silver rounds. Nothing is firm, but there is interest in gathering and discussing such at the September NCNA Coin Show and Exposition in San Francisco.

Your Editor is acting as a clearinghouse and coordinator of the current rudimentary discussions. If you are seriously interested and willing to attend the Coin Show and Exposition to act on this, please contact your Editor at: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590".

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Reno Coin Club Sacramento Valley Coin Club Redwood Empire Coin Club Napa Valley Coin Club Fresno Numismatic Society Peninsula Coin Club Delta Coin Club Gateway Coin Club Fremont Coin Club Liberty Numismatic Society Cupertino Coin Club San Jose Coin Club Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Diablo Numismatic Society San Francisco Coin Club Fairfield Coin Club Vallejo Numismatic Society Santa Barbara Coin Club

Reno Coin Club Announced the winners at its recent April 20th Second Annual Reno Coin Show: PAT WILSON, RUSTY KING, RAY'S COINS & JEWELRY, ROGER GARDNER, ROSE LASKE, MGM GRAND COIN SHOP, and HAL MORTON, the latter winning First Prize, a 1891CC Half Eagle. April 19, 1987 is the date for the RCC's Third Annual Reno Coin Show with JIM MELICK as General and Bourse Chairman. This Coin Show will again be located at the McKinley Park Recreation Center, 925 Riverside Drive, Reno. The next big activity for the RCC will be its October 2, 1986 Fall Auction which will also be held at the McKinley Park facility. For information on either the RCC's 1987 Reno Coin Show or its 1986 Fall Auction, write: "Reno Coin Club, PO Box 10791, Reno, Nevada".

Rama will be September 13 and 14, 1986, Saturday and Sunday, hours 10:00am to 6:00pm Saturday and 10:00am to 5:00pm Sunday, at the Beverly Garland Hotel, 1780 Tribute Road, Sacramento.

Please note date correction for this SVCC upcoming Coin Show.

In addition to Bourse, drawings, exhibits, and such, tentatively scheduled at this year's SVCC Coin Show are a regional meeting of the Early American Coppers group and an ANACS Grading Seminar. Recent SVCC Meeting speakers have been renown coin book authority CAL WILSON on Numismatic Literature at the April 23rd Meeting and STEPHEN DOWNEY III on Bust Half Dollars at the June 25th Meeting. Recent issues of the four page informative SVCC Newsletter have had articles on 'Hobo Nickels' by MARY TRAVIS and 'Love Tokens' by CHARLES 'BEN' GAY. In addition, a regular feature has been informative articles on various special collecting groups, as the Early American Coppers, Love

Token Society, and Numismatic Bibliomania Society. Your Editor commends the SVCC for its fine periodical and regrets this summary does not do it justice.

- Redwood Empire Coin Club Confirmed its 1987 date for its Coin Show:

 November 22, 1987. The RECC's 19th Annual Coin-A-Rama will this
 November 16, 1986, hours 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Veteran's
 Memorial Building, 1351 Maple, Santa Rosa, across from the
 Sonoma County Fairgrounds. JACK ROGERS and ROY ROBERTS are CoChairmen with LORRAINE FARNSWORTH handling the Publicity. Bourse
 and information may be directed to: "BILL FEIST, PO Box 2811,
 Santa Rosa, CA, 95405".
- Napa Valley Coin Club Celebrated with the May Issue the First Anniversary of the Napa Valley Numismatic Notes. The NVCC is issuing its first silver club medal, commemorating its 25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee. Medals, yet to be minted, are available at \$25.00 each. These medals will be serial numbered with numbers assigned in order of receipt of payment. Orders with remittance sent to: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590".
- Fresno Numismatic Society Had DENNIS OLSWANG speak at its April 8th Meeting on Early Canadian Commemorative Dollars. AL HALL talked on the Statue of Liberty at the May 13th Meeting. The FNS' 20th Annual Coin Show will be November 8 and 9, 1986 at the Piccadilly Inn Hotel, 2305 West Shaw, Fresno. The FNS is minting both silver and bronze medals commemorating the Society's 40th Anniversary, 1946-1986. Silver and bronze medals are at Pre-Sale price of \$25.00 and \$3.00 each respectfully. Send orders with remittance to: "FNS, PO Box 41, Fresno, CA, 93707". JOHN PETERS, Fresno Numismatist Editor, wrote very provocatively in the May Issue: "Coin collecting can be fun if you open up to fellow collectors. Give people your knowledge and friendship. Share with them in your specialty area. Don't take advantage of someone's lack of knowledge, be honest, and the rewards you receive will be given back ten fold".
- Peninsula Coin Club Reports its new officers are: XAN CHAMBERLAIN, President; FRED VAN DEN HAAK, Vice-President; JODIE OTA, Youth Vice-President; RICH DOUGLAS, Treasurer, and DON BARSI, Secretary. November 9, 1986 is the date for the PCC's Seventh Annual Coin Show; however, your Editor has no additional facts on this Coin Show. Write to: "PCC, PO Box 915, Palo Alto, CA, 94302".
- Delta Coin Club Writes that its 22nd Annual Coin Show is October 18 and 19, 1986, Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the Eagles Hall 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Your Editor traveled to Stockton last April 25th to present his slide illustrated 'Canadian Commemorative Dollars'. It was his first trip to Stockton since he was a child, and he thanks the DCC for its courtesy. Recent DCC activities were its annual and highly enjoyed June 22nd Club Picnic and its annual Monte Carlo Night last May 23rd. SYD KASS, DCC's Newsletter Editor,

always has something in his monthly periodical, and your Editor cannot do justice to KASS' reporting; however, if you ever have the chance, ask SYD KASS about how coin club's should communicate and cooperate and prepared to listen good. Keep up the good work, MR. KASS.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Has come back with a bang. For the recent April National Coin Week, GCC Members set up displays in <u>five</u> different financial institutions within Merced city! GCC members behind this multi-location display effort were: JOHN HOFMANN, RON LUND, and BILL JONES. The GCC meets the First and Third Thursdays at Guarantee Savings, 19th and M Streets, Merced; meetings start at 7:30pm with doors opening at 7:00pm.

Fremont Coin Club Recent FCC Meeting speakers have been: March 11th, RON MILLER, Three-Cent Silver Coins; April 8th DAVID CIENIEWICZ, Pattern Coins, and May 13th DAVID LANGE, Philippine 1904-1946 Coinage. FCC's Super Raffle is set for its first Meeting in August, August 12th: "You won't want to miss this meeting, as one of the prizes is the very eagerly sought \$5.00 gold piece. This coin has more than doubled in value since its release six months ago!!! Complimenting the 'Super Raffle' Meeting will be a presentation by San Francisco Mint Chief Die-Setter ED FULWIDER, who will show a film of the First Strike Ceremonies for the Liberty coinages. Be There!". Yes, the FCC will raffle off a Liberty Half Eagle. SAM FOX wrote for the FCC's Double Eagle 'Spotlight': "Which 12 year old was the youngest seeded runner in the Bay-To-Breaker competition held last month? Who is the 12 year old FCC member who has won several hundred First and Second Place Ribbons and thirty-five trophies for his churning legs? Who is the youngest potential American Olympic Marathon runner who is being monitored by coaches throughtout the USA? Who learned to run before he could walk? DINO DANIELS, that's who. The Fremont Coin Club cheers you on, DINO. Keep On Truckin'".

Liberty Numismatic Society Has sent only one Issue of its monthly periodical. The LNS did announce "the release of a wooden nickel commemorating the return of Halley's Comet. To order send \$1.00 plus self-addressed stamped envelope for a set of five nickels. Also available is Liberty's first issue, which may be ordered in combination with Halley's Comet. Five of each for \$2.00 post-paid from 'Liberty Numismatic Society, c/o BILL MORGAN, 936 South Idaho, San Mateo, CA, 94402'".

Cupertino Coin Club Honored RAY ERKSON at its April 4th Meeting:

"Outgoing Treasurer RAY ERKSON was presented a Special Award for the twelve years of outstanding service that he performed. A plaque with 1974 and 1986 Club Medals on it, designating the beginning and ending years of service, was presented to RAY by DAN SHATTUC". New CCC officers are: AL LO, President; KEN BARR, Vice-President; RONDA JOHNSON, Youth Vice-President; RON ISHIZAKI, Treasurer, WALT MERTENS, Corresponding Secretary, and KATHLEEN SODERSTORM, Historian. The June 13th Meeting was the

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CCC's Other Hobbies Night: MICHAEL BAER, Transformer Toys; KEN BARR, Classic-Head Half Eagle Love Token; DON BARSI, Baseball Caps; KELLY CAROLAN, Animal Figurines; TOMMY CAROLAN, Teddy Bears; DARROW CROWE, Casino Poker Chips; CHRIS FISCHER, Stuff Animals; DALE HOLLAND, Keys; JENNIFER JOHNSON, 1986 San Jose Coin Club Medals; RAY JOHNSON, Lincoln Cents; NATHAN MILLER, Piano Solo; DEAN SODERSTROM, Old Cameras; KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, Dolls; CHRIS SCOTT, Knives, and DAVID THERRELL, Political Buttons.

- San Jose Coin Club Have received only one of its monthly periodicals. It was reported that FRANK CORRAL sold the most raffle tickets at the past 1986 SJCC Coin Show last January. The SJCC meets on the Third Wednesday of the month at the Santa Clara County Service Center, Main Auditorium, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose.
- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Recent PCNS activities hve been its May 28th Meeting with the Annual White Elephant Auction and its June 28th Meeting 71st Anniversary Banquet. Two future events for the PCNS will be its PCNS Auction on October 26th which is coordinated by DAVID LANGE, LARRY REPPETEAU, and RICK WEBSTER. Consignment deadline is July 30th, and this Auction is open only to PCNS members and their guests. Plus, it will host the 1986 CSNA Semi-Annual Convention next April with General Chairman DAVID CEINIEWICZ, distinguished coin hobbyist. For information on either event, write: "PCNS, 610 Arlington, Berkeley, CA, 94707".
- Diablo Numismatic Society Selected GEORGE TYSON'S design of the
 Martinez located John Muir Home for its 1986 Club Medal. April
 18th Meeting was the DNS' Other Hobbies Night with NORTON
 GLOSSMAN, Skulls; MANNY EZIDRO, Street Car Tokens; DALE BRYANT,
 Pocket Watches; KARL HEUER, Mechanical Banks; LUCKY WILLIAMS,
 Silver Rounds; GEORGE TYSON, Bootlegging; HAROLD ZACHARIN,
 Gambling Tokens, and STAN TURRINI, Old Newspapers. May 15th
 Meeting had GEORGE TYSON on Coinage Metals, and June 19th Meeting has your Editor on his slides of the Liberty First Coinage
 Striking. The DNS' 1986 Coin Show is definitely this December
 7, 1986, Sunday, hours 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Pleasant Hill
 Recreation Center. Additional details will be reported in the
 next Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.
- job with the SFCC's Two Cents Worth. STEPHEN HUSTON spoke at the April 22nd Meeting on Ancient Coinage Portraits. Long-time and beloved SFCC member GEORGE HAM was featured in the Sunday San Francisco Examiner's Image magazine for his kiteflying hobby. Another SFCC member STEVE ARIETTA became recently a MD.
- Fairfield Coin Club Celebrated last March 26th its 13th Anniversary.

 The Al Renn Memorial Raffle at this Meeting raised a total of \$371.00 for the Sierra Road Riders Association Building Fund.

 At the April 23rd Meeting, MIKE STANLEY spoke on the USS Enterprise. May 28th Meeting was the date for the FCC's May Pot-Luck

which had DR. HOWARD LONSDALE, the 'Numis-Doc', talking on the 'Many Faces of Queen Victoria' and had over \$360.00 worth of raffle prizes. The recent June 28th Meeting had the FCC's Second Annual Donation Auction.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Held its Al Renn Auction last June 4th which raised \$76.50 for the Jess King Fund, monies for youth numismatic promotion. STAN TURRINI for the fourth year sold the most raffle tickets of the recent June 8th 14th Vallejo Coin Show with one hundred-twenty books of eleven tickets each, a total of \$600.00! April 2nd was the VNS' annual Other Hobbies Night with: VICKIE ALLISON, First Day Covers; FLOYD HICKS JR., Comic Books; WILLYS ALLISON, Silver Spoons; STAN TURRINI, Vallejo Post Cards, and DR. HOWARD LONSDALE, Miniature Paintings. HOWARD and LORI LONSDALE plus MAXINE HOPPERSTAD coordinated the VNS's public displays for the recent April National Coin Week which was an exhibit in the foyer of Vallejo's Main Library. The VNS' next big event will be its November 5, 1986 'Silver Nite' which is dedicated to silver in all forms, coins, rounds, art, and such. Lots of prizes, great refreshments, and good program are planned. April 26, 1987 is the date for the VNS' 15th Annual Vallejo Coin Show.

Santa Barbara Coin Club Writes that its 28th Annual Coin Show is this July 26 and 27, 1986 at the Miramar Hotel Convention Center, US 101 at San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara. Free Admission.